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OUTLINE: Aftermath of Berlin riots

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3. In general, East German forces were used to quell

disorder, backed, where necessary by Soviet troops.

a) East German police (VOPOS) proved both inadequate and unreliable.

b) Both Soviets and Germans used firearms, but former did not direct fire into crowds.

c) Actual policing done by Germans, with Soviets in reserve. German paramilitary forces (KVP, total strength about 120,000) called out when VOPOS failed to restore order.

4. Unreliability of VOPOS indicated by fact that over 100 defected to West Berlin during two-day rioting period 16-17 June.

a) No reports of defections from KVP.

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a) Workers Militia and Border Guards used to quell rioting in Czechoslovakia; Army not used, doubtless because not needed.

b) Army (190,000 ground forces) has low morale, particularly among enlisted men. Considered only fairly reliable.

1. However, desertion rate has decreased in last two years.

2. Employment of Czech Army would demand maximum supervision by Soviets.

c) Militia and Border Guards (Total security forces 30,000) - considered thoroughly reliable.

1. No significant defections from these groups.

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